Non- working of coast guard station at Jakhu Port

3389. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coast Guard station which was sanctioned long ago is still not working at Jakhu port in Kutch district; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Coast Guard Station at Jakhau has not yet been sanctioned by the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Chinese army in Koko Islands

†3390. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a serious danger has been posed before the Andaman and Nicobar Islands due to concentration of Chinese army in small and big Koko Islands situated in the Bay of Bengal;

(b) whether Government are aware towards the defence keeping in view of continuous increasing activities of Chinese army; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Government are aware of the presence of a detachment of Chinese defence personnel in Coco Islands purportedly for assisting Myanmar Armed Forces in manning/maintaining Radar and Communication equipment. However, it does not persently pose any threat to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Suitable measures to ensure security and surveillance in and around the Andman and Nicobar Group of Islands continue to be taken.

Defence preparedness to curb Pakistani intentions

3391. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether proxy war and terrorist activities against India have been intensified after the Kargil war;

(b) if so, the preparations with regard to defence to curb the dangerous intentions of Pakistan and to give a befitting reply; and

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